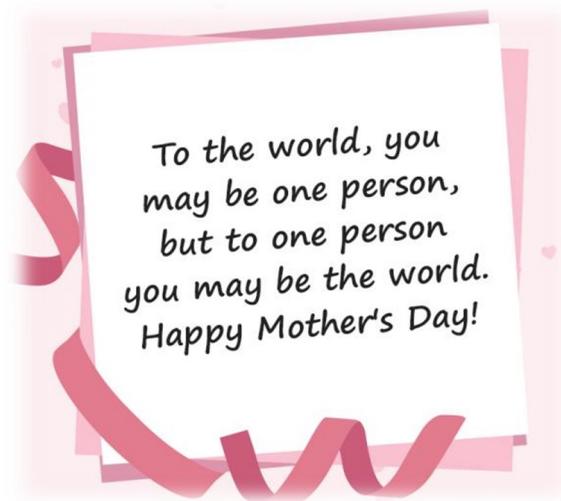


COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 05/09 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Special blessing for all women at the end of the Mass on the occasion of Mother's Day. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary prayed outside after the Mass. Coffee Hour in the Church Hall as usual.
- 05/09 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. No Mass intention so far!
- 05/22 (Saturday) Funeral of JAMES TILLEY at St. John's Cemetery at 12.30pm.

- Yesterday's POLISH FOOD SALE was possible thanks to the work and time of our volunteers: **Linda and Diane**. BIG THANK YOU for your time and dedication!
- We're looking for some volunteers to clean the church this month. If you want to volunteer, please, let Fr. Adam know.
- The church driveway and the asphalt path behind the rectory have been repaired and resurfaced last week.
- We would like to remind you about the possibility to offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention! Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam. **Have a blessed week!**



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

23 Golway Street, Manchester, CT 06042
Official website: www.saintjohnspncc.org
Facebook: **John the Baptist, Manchester CT**
Rectory phone: 860-643-5906

PASTOR - Rev. Adam Piekarzewski



May 9, 2021

BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

VI SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For JAN PIEKARZEWSKI on the occasion of his 3rd birthday.

INTROIT

C: When I found Your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart. Alleluia.

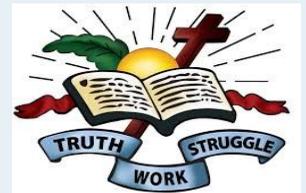
R: You have made known to me the paths of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence. Alleluia.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had

ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL

JN 15:9-17

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 98

„The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.“

READING 2

A reading from the First Letter of St. John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us:

1 JN 4:7-10

God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's readings remind us of the calling each Christian has received to be like Jesus – by being an apostle (one who is sent), an evangelist (a bearer of GOoD News), and a philanthropist (lover of others) or better yet an "agapist" (unconditional lover of others). The concept of a Christian vocation (calling from GOD) is not limited to clergy, those in religious orders, or paid church staff members. All who consider themselves disciples (disciplined followers) of Jesus are called to carry on His mission and ministry.

The events in the First Reading must have been mind-blowing for the early Jewish Christians. They had already had to wrestle with the concept that Gentiles could be believers in Jesus, that is, if they became members of the Jewish-Christian community. In today's reading, some Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit before or without becoming Jews, even before becoming "official" Christians through waters of Baptism. The leaders of the fledgling church had to reconcile themselves with the concept that GOD can choose and gift anyone with signs of faith, and that GOD is not limited by earthly constructs such as "official membership" or "humanly established systems of operating." Once GOD has shared the divine gift of the Holy Spirit and called individuals to be part of the believing community, no one can object.